The Independent Planning Commission of

New South Wales.

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**RE: Rix's Creek Modification 10**

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to formally submit my support for the Mod 10 application currently which is under your consideration. I have worked for the company now for 17 years. My father also worked for the group as an operator for 35 years until his retirement in 2016.

 Whilst the company has back up plans, (plan D), in place should mod 10 not be approved, plan D is only a short term stop gap solution. As plan D plays out the employment of many workers will be at risk. Certainly should Mod 10 be rejected as well as SSD6300, in my view there is no doubt the Bloomfield group would be out of business

In my view delay of mod 10 at Rixs Creek will have a direct flow on to the Bloomfield Open Cut employing some 63 people directly and many other indirectly. I don’t believe Bloomfield Open Cut cannot stand alone as an operation without Rixs Creek.

I have seen firsthand the stress and anguish this process is having on the workforce and I have concerns for their mental health. The company has an Employee assistance program aimed to help with mental health issues, but I still have concerns in this regard.

Rixs Creek has for 30 years provided employment, training, community support as well as a significant provider to State Government royalties.

The process to gain the SSD6300 consent started in 2013. The constant turnover in personnel within the various government departments combined with the ever changing rules and processes in my view are a significant contributor to the fact that over 5 years we still do not know what lies ahead. How can we encourage investment in New South Wales with such a long drawn out process which even after so long has no result?

It’s quite well known you can’t keep everyone happy. It was quite evident at the public hearing for mod 10 that there are a number of people that would like to see the project stopped. These people are the minority though. The results of the recent federal election are absolute testament to that. I think the country have spoken and whilst we are all conscious that climate change is of concern I think the country has acknowledged that a sensible , staged approach is what’s needed rather than a knee jerk reaction.

In my opinion this project will provide environmentally responsible mining for the ongoing benefit of local jobs, benefit to our local community and is in the interest of New South Wales

Regards,

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